checking a first memory to determine if a user has previously accessed a resource on a computer network upon receipt of an indication from the user to access the resource; and

providing the user with access to the resource if the first memory indicates that the user has previously accessed the resource.

15. (Amended)    A method for providing access to a computer network, the method comprising:

checking a first memory to determine if [the] **a** user [may] **has previously** access**ed** [the] **a requested** resource; **and**

providing the user with access to the resource if the first memory indicates that the user [may] **has previously** access**ed** the resource.

31. (New)    A method for controlling access to a resource, the method comprising:

checking a memory to determine if a requesting user has previously accessed the resource; and

providing the user with access to the requested resource if the user has previously accessed the resource.

32. (New)    A method according to claim 31, further comprising:

opening the requested resource to determine if the requesting user may access the requested resource if the memory does not indicate that the user has previously accessed the resource; and